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CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR ZA RH UK
SUBJ: OWEN VISIT: LUSAKA ATMOSPHERICS

REF: LUSAKA 0952 (NOTAL); LUSAKA 0968

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1. REUBEN KAMANGA, CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER, CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, TOLD THE PRESS APRIL 13 THAT OWEN'S CURRENT TRIP IS IRRELEVANT. ZAMBIA DOES NOT EXPECT ANYTHING TO COME OF IT, "IT IS JUST ANOTHER OF THOSE TOURS MADE BY THE BRITISH AND THE AMERICANS TO THIS PART OF THE WORLD." ZAMBIA AND THE OTHER FRONTLINE STATES HAD TALKED ENOUGH ABOUT THE RHODESIAN SITUATION AND SINCE NOTHING HAD COME OF IT, THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE IS THE ARMED STRUGGLE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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2. COMMENT: AS NOTED IN REFTELS, WE BELIEVE THAT CONDEMNATION OF NEGOTIATIONS IN FAVOR OF MILITARY ACTION TO ATTAIN MAJORITY RULE IS PART OF A GRZ CAMPAIGN TO SET THE STAGE FOR OWEN'S VISIT. BY TAKING AN EXTREME POSITION, THE

GRZ PROBABLY CALCULATES IT CAN AVOID RAISING EXPECTATIONS IN A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION WHICH MIGHT FAIL AGAIN, MAINTAIN MAXIMUM PRESSURE ON SMITH THROUGH THE ARMED STRUGGLE AND FORCE GREATEST POSSIBLE ACCOMMODATIONS TO NATIONALIST POSITIONS FROM THE BRITISH. HOWEVER, KAUNDA IS BECOMING MORE EMOTIONALLY COMMITTED TO THE ARMED STRUGGLE EACH PASSING MONTH AS HE RECOGNIZES THAT HIS ATTEMPTS AT A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT HAVE COME TO NOTHING. IN PRIVATE AND IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS HE IS EXPRESSING DISILLUNIONMENT WITH NEGOTIATIONS AND SUPPORT FOR THE ARMED STRUGGLE AS THE ONLY WAY TO ATTAIN MAJORITY RULE. THOSE CLOSE TO HIM, LIKE KAMANGA, AND THE PRESS ARE PICKING UP THEIR CUES FROM HIM. THE ATMOSPHERE TOWARDS NEGOTIATIONS IS BECOMING MORE NEGATIVE AND DIFFICULT TO REVERSE.

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